

Eau Claire Area Master Gardener News



July 2013

ECAMGA Hosts Rice Lake Garden Club For June 19th Garden Tour

The Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Association (ECAMGA) hosted a tour of four gardens for the Rice Lake Garden Club. The tour began with a visit to the Schlegelmilch period gardens on Farwell Street in downtown Eau Claire (plus a tour of the house itself). Marilyn Saffert, President of the Rice Lake Club, commenting on the window boxes at the Schlegelmilch House (which were created and are maintained by Gail and Bob Schneider) said, " They look just like the ones my grandmother used to have at her home."



Photo from Jill Barlland of Schlegelmilch House window Boxes.

After spending some time there the group headed up to the Larry and Carol Steinke's gardens at 1405 Emery Street (this garden was on the 2008 Chippewa Valley Symphony Tour) where they got to see the seven ponds and garden areas as well as Carol's prized peonies.



The peony that Carol raised from seed (thought to be a cross between two existing peony bushes she has). (photo by C. Cox)



One of the seven ponds in the Steinke gardens. (photo by Carol Cox)

After leaving the Steinke garden the group ended up at Carol Cox's garden at 1908 Hogeboom Avenue (also a 2008 Symphony Tour garden) with the added bonus of Jo-Ann Clark opening her backyard garden gate to allow the guests to also tour her garden area, which includes a koi pond and shade gardens.



Jo-Ann Clark's rose bush and pond provided an extra treat for the evening.

Picture by Jo-Ann Clark.

Refreshments were served, door (continued page 5)

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Local Master Gardener News

Changing e-mail? Moving?

If you do, **please** remember to notify the ECAMG and the newsletter editor of your new e-mail address and/or mailing address so you don't miss any Eau Claire Area Master Gardener happenings!



Email your new information to Carol Cox at c7w6c2200@charter.net or notify her by snail mail at 1908 Hogeboom Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701 (or call her at 715-783-0016 - cell).



Bulletin Board Postings Stories and Opportunities!!!!



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NOTE: The ECAMGA Board minutes no longer appears in the newsletter. You may access them by going to the website at <http://www.eauclairemastergardeners.com/forms.html>

Participatory Photovoice Mapping Project

Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteers have one very easy way to participate in their local food system: identify something in your local food system, take a picture of it, and explain it.

The purpose of this project:

- to gain insight on how individuals view and interpret their "local food system"
- identify the location of community gardens throughout the state
- to better understand the role MGVs may play in community gardening activities

You can also earn volunteer hours for helping with this project (taking a picture and providing a bit of information). For more of the details go to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wimastergardener/ppmp/>

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Hello MG Volunteers,

A fellow volunteer, Leon, will have a seed saving educational display at the Chippewa Valley Sustainable Future Festival (CVSFF) on August 10. If you'd like to assist him let me know and I'll get you in touch with him.



Also, volunteers are needed to staff the kid's activity tent at the CVSFF on August 10th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (10am-noon is already staffed by the Girls Scouts so need for noon to 4:00).

Also, we have vacancies from noon-4:00 p.m. at the Eau Claire County Exposition Center.

We're looking for groups to lead activities for an hour or more segments. We are purchasing supplies for the activities. If anyone is interested in coordinating activities for the tent that would be great too!

If interested in helping contact Erin LaFaive at 715-839-4712.

REMINDER!!

Remember, as you are cleaning out your garden tending to those stray plants invading your pathways and getting a little toonumerous for your garden space, pot them up and save them for our summer plant sale on **August 11** in conjunction with the Chippewa Valley Sustainability Festival at the Expo Center.



Mother of Thousands Plant (Kalanchoe) – easy to grow and very interesting!!

Upcoming Events



Photo by Jo-Ann Clark

Faye Ryszkiewicz to Speak At July ECAMGA Meeting On Invasive Species List

Faye Ryszkiewicz, of Fryszkis Garden, will be speaking on the new invasive species list, which has been updated this year. Many new plants which we already have in our gardens may now be listed as invasive. Discussion and questions are welcome.

This presentation will be held on July 16 at 6:30pm at the Eau Claire County Extension Office, 227 First Street West in Altoona. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners Association (ECAMGA).

The August education program involves food preservation including food canning, freezing, dehydrating, and the storage of herbs. Watch our August newsletter for more information.

Also, watch your e-mail for information on the time, date and directions for a garden tour on the city's south side when the daylilies are in full bloom.

It is time once again to start planning our annual fall plant sale, which will occur in conjunction with the Chippewa Valley Sustainable Future Festival. Those of you interested in volunteering time during the sale or being a member of the planning committee, please contact either Lori Kempen at 715-832-8088 or Nina Logan at 715-878-4585.

And don't forget to pot up those extra plants in your garden to donate to our sale

Down TO Earth

Upcoming Classes

Registration is not required for most classes but is appreciated.

July 1st - July 7th

Rhythm & Blooms Week

Americana week - Come create a beautiful red, white, & blue container for the 4th!

Saturday, July 13th 10:00 am

Living Picture Class - Cost: \$80 per frame.

Build Your Own: We start with a kit and plant up with your creativity! You can use succulents, annuals, or whatever you chose! These make great conversation pieces!

Saturday, July 20th 10:00 am

Attracting Birds & Butterflies Seminar

Come learn what plants attract birds and butterflies. Some attract them for their flowers or food, but don't forget about the ones that provide shelter for them too!

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2013 Barron County Farm Technology Days

Tuesday, July 9th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, July 10th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday, July 11th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Breezy Hill Dairy
Alex and Mary Olson
147 16th Street
Dallas, WI 54733



This premier exposition (previously called Farm Progress Days) – the largest agricultural show in Wisconsin – is also one of the largest in the nation. The three-day outdoor event showcases the latest improvements in production agriculture, including many practical applications of recent research findings and technological developments. For more information go to: <http://www.wifarmtechnologydays.com>

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prizes distributed and lots of good conversation was had by all. If you missed it be sure to watch for future ECAMGA events coming up and join in.



The end of the tour at the Cox garden with refreshments and good conversation and Lori Kempen presiding over the drawing for the door prizes.

ECAMGA Photo Contest

Rules:

1. Pictures must be taken between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013.
2. Deadline for submission is October 1 (send a digital copy of the photo via email to c7w6c2200@charter.net.)
3. Photo theme must deal with the garden in some way, either from your garden, from an ECAMGA event or a garden you have toured between the dates listed in item #1.
4. There will be three prizes (details about the prizes will be in the August newsletter) and the entries will be judged by the ECAMGA Education Committee.
5. We will publish as many of the entries as possible in the fall and winter newsletters.
6. Along with the picture submit a title for the picture and some information about the photo (when, where, why, what, who, how – whatever is pertinent.
7. The person who submits the entry must have taken the photo.





2013 Butterfly Count
July 9, 2013
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Wise Nature Center

FREE for Friends, FREE for Nonmembers



Join other butterfly enthusiasts for the annual Beaver Creek Reserve Butterfly count. Meet at the Wise Nature Center to review species likely to be seen; then get directions for the count and receive a route assignment. Most counters usually spend two to four hours counting, but you may count for as little as one hour or for most of the day if you wish. The results are forwarded to the North American Butterfly Association.

Rain date scheduled for Wednesday, July 10 at 9:30 am. \$3 donation per counter suggested as assessed by NABA.

Registration and payment required by Monday, July 8. If you would like to help with this event or find out about other opportunities at BCR, please contact us at bcr@beavercreekreserve.org or call 715-877-2212.

Aquatic plants of Wisconsin

July 27, 2013

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Place TBA

\$15 for Friends, \$20 for Nonmembers

10 spots available

Lakes are beautiful gems that hold many wonders including aquatic plants. These plants are often regarded as "seaweed" or "weeds" even though they play a vital role in the lake ecosystem. Learn about the diversity of these plants by exploring a secluded lake by canoe in the Chippewa County Forest.

Participants will sample for the plants, identify them, and even learn how to press aquatic plants. Canoes and life jackets will be provided. Bring sun protection and wear clothing that can get wet. Your own transportation to the field site is necessary. More details upon signup. Registration and payment required by July 25.

Bits and Pieces



***A funky combination –
 clematis and birdhouse
 penthouses!!***



An interesting idea for vine fruits and vegetables!



DIY Moss for the Garden - Blend up 1 Part Moss, 1 Part Sugar, 2 Parts Beer... pour or brush over pots, stone or pavers and moss will grow!

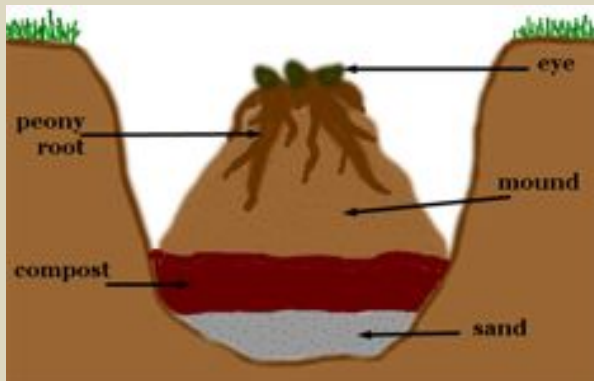


MYSTERY PLANT

Can you name this plant? If you can you will have won Sally Anderson's undying gratitude and who knows what else.

She says that she "got it three years ago at the ECAMGA plant sale and it did nothing but produce big dark green leaves until this year. Now it has shot out this huge stalk with all these crazy stems and now has produced all these white flowers."

Send all suggestions to her at sasa01@charter.net.



Anyone planting peonies? Plant as per above, in sun to part shade. The "mound" is created from the soil you dig out combined with compost, peat moss or other organic matter. Plant 2 feet apart. The best time to plant them is late summer or early fall. Enjoy!

One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides
-W.E. Johns,
"The Passing Show"

Fight Invasive Plant Species With Your Smartphone

Find an invasive plant species? Help curb the threat from these plants by using your smartphone or tablet to report and map its location. An app developed by the Great Lakes Early Detection Network (GLEDN) and Early Detection Distribution and Mapping System (EDDMapS) allows people to send pictures and locations of the Invasive plants to an online mapping system. Land managers can use this information to respond to the new pests as they are emerging.



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A newsletter for the Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Association members.

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